

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 19 May 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-101.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/7/06, 3/9/06, 3/7/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 35-80 and 92-101 are pending. Claims 35, 44, 49, 52, and 100 have been amended in this communication filed 5/19/06 entered as Amendment with filing of Specification. An extension of time was filed on 5/11/06 and entered.
2. The Specification amendments filed 5/19/06 has been considered and entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 35-80 and 92-101 are pending allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:. Applicants' the buyer executing the second payment draft with the second payment draft satisfying the conditions of the first payment draft prior to receiving the traded product and the seller releasing the traded product for delivery to a buyer prior to receiving the latent payment draft in claim 35, the buyer executing a second bill-of-exchange with the second bill-of-exchange satisfying the conditions of the first bill-of-exchange prior to receiving the traded product in claim 44, the first and second bills-or-exchange are interdependent when each bill-of-exchange is payable only if the other bill-of-exchange is unpaid in claim 64, an event – activated prerelease latent first bill-of-exchange being payable to the seller's order and being drawn on the buyer with the first bill-of-exchange ordering a payment with the payment being the payment for the traded product to be made within a term beginning with a specified activating event by the buyer and the seller occurring prior to execution of the first bill-of exchange by the buyer and the activating event being effective to render the draft negotiable of the traded product by the seller in claims 68, trading a product between a seller and a buyer comprising the steps of a-b and I) –VI) and h) with

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i)-l) in claim 75 and a)-b), l)-vi), and c)-j) in claim 101. For these reasons claims 35, 44, 64, 68, 75, and 101 is deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 36-43, 45-63, 65-67, 69-74, and 76-100 are allowed by dependency.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Conklin et al (US 6,338,050) disclosed electronic commerce and negotiations.

Sunagawa, G. (JP 07315558A) disclosed shipping and invoice data on a computer.

Knodell, Jane disclosed a bill of exchange in the banking industry and exchange rates.

"A Basic Guide to Exporting"- Chapters 12-15 disclosed letters of credit, documentary drafts, financing export transactions, proper documentation for business travel abroad, and selling overseas.

Inquiries

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741.


The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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